

PUBLIC MEETINGS SCHEDULED

General Management Plan / Environmental Impact Statement

Over four years, with the help of the community, Valley Forge National Historical Park has developed a draft General Management Plan / Environmental Impact Statement (GMP/EIS). The draft plan is now ready for public review. The plan identifies the purpose and vision for the park and proposes four management alternatives for achieving that mission by addressing park operations, visitor use and enjoyment, cultural and natural resources management, traffic management, and general development. The potential human and environmental impacts of the alternatives are assessed.

The participation of the community has been an important part of developing this plan. We now request the community's thoughtful evaluation and comment on the alternatives.

Public meetings to discuss the plan will be held at the park's Education Center:

Wednesday, February 21 at 7:00 PM

Thursday, February 22 at 1:00 PM

The draft GMP/EIS is available for public review until March 21, 2007.

You can read an electronic copy of the plan by visiting <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>. That website also provides a convenient way for you to submit comments.

Compact disks containing the plan also are available now. Limited numbers of printed copies of the plan will be available in late February. Printed copies will be available at that time at the Lower Providence Community Library, Tredyffrin Public Library, Phoenixville Public Library, Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library, Upper Merion Township Library and at the park Welcome Center. If you would like to receive a CD or a printed copy, please write to the address below.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

We thank you for your continuing interest and concern for the future of Valley Forge National Historical Park.

To request a CD (available now) or printed copy (available in late January) of the GMP/EIS, please write to:

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